

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0080853
SPECIAL ORDER AMENDING
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
for

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC.
KERN RIVER OIL FIELD
KERN COUNTY

Chevron U.S.A., Inc. (hereafter Discharger) submitted an amended Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) on 17 May 2005. The amended RWD is in support of increasing the permitted flow to the Carrier Canal because discharge to the Beardsley Canal is no longer possible. The discharge of treated produced water to the Beardsley and Carrier Canals is currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R5-2002-0052 (NPDES Permit No. CA0080853), adopted on 26 April 2002.

The Discharger owns and operates an oil recovery and wastewater treatment and disposal system (hereafter Facility) that separates produced water from crude oil obtained from oil leases in the Kern River Oil Field. Produced water is generated during oil production operations at the leases and is treated through mechanical separation, sedimentation, and air floatation to remove oil, grease, and inorganic sediments. A portion of the wastewater is converted to steam by cogeneration plants and injected via Class II injection wells for oil recovery purposes. The remaining wastewater is currently discharged to a combination of the Beardsley Canal, the Carrier Canal, injection wells, and to Cawelo Water District's Reservoir B. The Beardsley and Carrier canals are waters of the United States. In accordance with California Water Code, the Board will consider adoption of a Special Order modifying Waste Discharge Requirements for this discharge.

DATE: 15/16 September 2005
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The Designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Regional Board
- Representatives of Chevron U.S.A., Inc.

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or

her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **29 August 2005**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit such comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **29 August 2005**. Written testimony or comments submitted after **29 August 2005** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross-examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the proposed **Chevron U.S.A., Inc., Special Order amending WDRs** should contact Geoffrey Anderson at (559) 445-5919. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/index.html>. If you do not have Internet access, these documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment. Paper copies may be requested by contacting Mr. Anderson.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter

LOREN J. HARLOW, Assistant Executive Officer

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